

## Exhibit 5: Letters of Support

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- SEA GRANT ADVISORY PANEL

April 29, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: May 18, 2005 agenda – San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail Grant

Dear Chairman Bosco and Members of the Coastal Conservancy,

I write in strong support of the California Coastal Conservancy's staff recommendation to award \$177,000 in grant funds to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. The funds will be used to match a Federal TEA grant to design and construct the Coast to Crest Trail in the San Dieguito Lagoon area.

The Coast to Crest Trail, which will provide coastal access opportunities for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders, will be built in conjunction with Southern California Edison's 150-acre Wetland Restoration Project. Encouraging recreational use as well as nature study and opportunities to observe the restored wetland ecosystem is consistent with the public's interest in assuring public access to coastal areas.

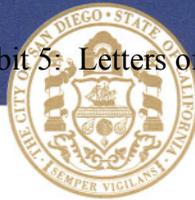
While these funds will be used to create the section of the Coast to Crest Trail in the area of the San Dieguito Lagoon, the San Dieguito River Park's goal is to create a multi-use trail system that will extend from the ocean at Del Mar to the San Dieguito River's source on Volcan Mountain, just north of Julian, approximately 55 miles inland. Future plans also include the design and installation of interpretive signs and establishing educational outreach programs.

I urge your vote in support of the \$177,000 grant to make the development of the Coast to Crest Trail in the coastal area a reality.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE KEHOE  
Senator, 39th District

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THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
COUNCILMAN  
SCOTT H. PETERS

FIRST DISTRICT

May 3, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Chairman Bosco and Board members:

Subject: San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail Grant, May 18 Agenda

I am writing to urge your support of the staff recommendation to award a \$177,000 grant to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. These funds will be used to match a Federal grant to design and construct the Coast to Crest Trail in the San Dieguito Lagoon area. The trail will be built in conjunction with Southern California Edison's 150-acre Wetland Restoration Project and is another crucial recreation element within the City of San Diego.

The Coast to Crest Trail is a regional trail system in the San Dieguito River Valley that will provide coastal access opportunities for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. It will also provide opportunities for nature study and observation of the restored wetland ecosystem. Future plans include interpretive signage and other educational programs. This type of project is not only consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation but is exactly what the voters and the legislators had in mind when they approved the recent bond acts that allocated funds for public access trails.

Thank you for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Scott H. Peters

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May 2, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chairman  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Fl.  
Oakland, CA 94612

*RE: San Dieguito River Park Coast to Crest Trail Grant, May 18 Agenda*

Dear Chairman Bosco and Board members:

On behalf of the City of Del Mar, I would like to urge your support of the staff recommendation to award a \$177,000 grant to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. These funds will be used to match a Federal grant to design and construct the Coast to Crest Trail in the San Dieguito Lagoon area. The trail will be built in conjunction with Southern California Edison's 150-acre Wetland Restoration Project. The Coast to Crest Trail is a regional trail system in the San Dieguito River Valley that will provide coastal access opportunities for hikers, bicyclists and horseback riders. It will also provide opportunities for nature study and observation of the restored wetland ecosystem. Future plans include interpretive signage and other educational programs. This type of project is not only consistent with the Conservancy's enabling legislation but is exactly what the voters and the legislators had in mind when they approved the recent bond acts that allocated funds for public access trails.

The residents of the City of Del Mar have worked to make the "vision" of the San Dieguito River Park a reality. We have been and continue to be strong supporters of Southern California Edison's extensive wetland restoration project.

We hope that you support your staff's recommendation and we want to thank you in advance for your consideration of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Finnell".

Jerry Finnell,  
Mayor

cc: Del Mar City Councilmembers  
Pam Slater-Price, Supervisor, San Diego County  
Dick Bobertz, Executive Director, San Dieguito River Valley JPA

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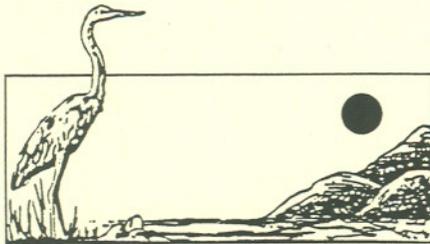


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**Friends of the  
San Dieguito River Valley**

P. O. Box 973 Del Mar CA 92014

April 30, 2005

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: San Dieguito River Park Grant May 18 Agenda

Dear Chair Bosco and Board Members,

We enthusiastically support the awarding of a \$177,000 grant to the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority to help construct a portion of the Coasts to Crest Trail in the San Dieguito Lagoon area.

The Friends is an incorporated citizens group that has been involved since 1986 in commenting on various land uses in the San Dieguito River Valley including the San Dieguito Lagoon. Our primary purpose is to preserve the integrity of the River Valley and promote public awareness of this tremendous natural ecosystem.

The proposed Coast to Crest Trail does both. At public information sessions it is surprising to learn that the public knows very little about the San Dieguito River, its origin and the importance of preserving its watershed. They are thrilled to learn about plans for a 55-mile regional trail that will allow them to follow the River east to the Mountains, and subsequently understand the need to protect the Valley from inappropriate development.

We hope you will support this exciting and worthwhile project.

Sincerely,

Ann Gardner,  
President

cc: Dick Bobertz, Executive Director  
San Dieguito River Park JPA

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